

# ANNUAL REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF

Total Losses During Year in  
Petersburg Amount to  
\$285,279.

## NEW PYTHIAN CASTLE HALL

Interesting Ceremonies of Dedication—Alleged Swindler Identified.

The Times-Dispatch Bureau,  
6 Bullingbrook Street  
(Telephone 1435).  
Petersburg, Va., January 4.  
The annual report of Chief Fawley,  
of the Fire Department, just issued,  
gives some interesting information  
concerning the fire record of the past  
year.

There were 117 alarms of fire during  
the year. Twenty-five fires were  
extinguished by the use of 543 gallons  
of chemical fluid, with but small loss.  
The losses during the year by fire  
were: on real estate, \$112,496; on stocks  
and contents of buildings, \$172,860—a  
total of \$285,279.

The insurance on this property was  
on real estate, \$224,785; on stocks and  
contents, \$207,125—a total of \$431,910.  
The value of buildings was \$1,720,000;  
value of contents, \$218,672—a total of  
\$1,938,672.

**Convention of Managers.**  
R. E. Mayer, of this city, district  
manager Woodmen of the World, has  
accepted a special invitation to attend  
a convention of State managers and  
prominent organizers of the order to  
convene in Omaha, Neb., next Thursday,  
to be in session several days. Mr.  
Mayer will go to Norfolk tomorrow  
to John S. K. Schuman, of that city,  
State manager for Virginia. They will  
be joined at Charlottesville, W. Va., by  
Alexander Foreman, State manager for  
that State, and the party from the  
two Virginians will be completed, before  
returning home the party will  
visit a number of points in the West.

**Parcels Post Popular.**  
The parcels post business at the post-  
office is becoming more and more  
popular, and shows an increase each day.  
Packages have been sent to and received  
from all sections of the country,  
and the system is becoming an important  
branch of the business of the office.

**Alleged Swindler Identified.**  
W. M. Barton, the stranger who recently  
swindled the Stratford Hotel in  
this city out of \$50 by means of false  
representations, a false telegram and a  
fraudulent draft on the Southern Cotton  
Oil Company, of Charleston, S. C.,  
has been fully identified in Brooklyn,  
N. Y., where he is under arrest. The  
identification was made by Virgil St.  
Cloud, manager of the hotel, who cashed  
the draft for him. Detective Heelan  
is now in New York with requisition  
papers, and will return with the prisoner  
next Thursday. Barton is wanted by  
the Charleston authorities for  
swindling operations there.

**New Pythian Castle Hall.**  
The ceremony incident to the dedication  
last night of the new castle hall  
of Eureka Lodge, Knights of Pythias,  
was one of the most interesting  
and attractive of the season. The  
lodge officers, and a large gathering of  
Knights and their ladies and guests.  
Many prominent Pythians from other  
points, including several of the grand  
lodge officers, were present. Robert  
E. Bass acted as master of ceremonies,  
and a handsome address of welcome  
was delivered by R. H. Mann. Among  
the principal speakers of the evening  
were Grand Chancellor R. A. Ruffin;  
Charles O. Saville, past grand chancellor;  
J. W. Starke, J. T. Bailey, of  
Richmond, and others. An interesting  
incident, not on the program, was the  
presentation of jewelry to Van B. Warner,  
W. L. Knutson and F. H. Wright, in  
token of appreciation of their valued  
services to Pythianism. The presentation  
was made by J. W. Starke, of  
Richmond.

**Transfer of Property.**  
Among the deeds of transfer of real  
estate recorded this week, were the  
following:

City of Petersburg to the Young  
Men's Christian Association, the high  
school building and lot on Union Street,  
\$14,500.

Arthur H. Rosenfeld et al. to Vincent  
Russo, lot on Spotswood Street,  
\$3,750.

There were a number of other con-  
veyances of light value.

**General News Notes.**  
The Boy Scouts of Petersburg are  
clearing ground, cutting timber and  
building a log cabin on the farm of  
P. H. Drewry, in Dinwiddie. There  
are about forty Boy Scouts in Petersburg.

In the Police Court this morning  
Tom Shelly, colored, arrested some  
days ago for cutting Dorsey Archer,  
also colored, was discharged on the  
ground of self-defense. Archer's wound  
was severe, but his inflammation was held  
to be justifiable.

A rumor reached the city this morning  
that a colored man named Carter  
was killed by being caught under a  
barrel blown down by the wind. The  
rumor could not be verified, and is  
believed to have been founded upon  
the killing of John Carter in this city  
yesterday by being struck by the time

## TWO TALENTED ROANOKE VIOLINISTS



MISS FRANCES BROPHY,  
of Roanoke.

Among the talented and popular  
members of the Thursday Morning  
Music Club, of Roanoke, is Miss  
Frances Brophy, a young girl  
who has established a reputation as  
a violinist, not only in her home city,  
but in various towns throughout the  
State where she has played.

She is a daughter of David B. Mid-  
dagh, a Norfolk and Western official,  
and she is named from the  
town of her birth, Shenandoah.  
She was graduated from St.  
Andrew's School, Roanoke, and was a  
student at Hollins and the Conserva-  
tory of Music, Cincinnati.

Last spring Miss Middagh substituted  
as violin teacher at Stonewall

Jackson Institute, and was elected to  
the position for the present season,  
but declined, preferring the musical  
atmosphere of Roanoke, where she fre-  
quently appears in concerts, besides  
giving recitals in various towns.

Miss Middagh is a member of the  
Schubert Quintet, of which Mrs. Dexter  
Meadows is director and accom-  
panist, the three remaining members  
being men. She is a decided brunette,  
tall and graceful with her bow, and  
has the artistic temperament, as evi-  
denced by her mastery of this most  
difficult instrument.

Another talented member of the  
Thursday Morning Music Club is Miss

MISS HAZEL S. MIDDAGH,  
of Roanoke.

Frances Brophy, who has a fine lyric  
soprano voice and, like Miss Middagh,  
is an artist with the bow.  
She studied under John C. Arnold  
at De Sales Heights, Parkersburg, W.  
Va., and graduated from the Immacu-  
late Seminary, Washington, in June,  
afterwards studying voice and violin at  
the Conservatory of Pittsburgh.

Miss Brophy belongs to a musical  
family. Her mother, Mrs. Brophy, was  
a pupil of William Mason, in New  
York, and has been a successful piano  
teacher in Roanoke and organist of  
St. Andrew's Catholic Church for a  
number of years. Her sister, Miss  
Eleanor Brophy, is a talented pianist.  
J. W. H.

## AMUNDSEN GOING INTO FAR NORTH

Explorer Expects to Drift With  
Ice for Four or Five  
Years.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
New York, January 4.—Captain Ron-  
ald Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer,  
who planted his country's flag at the  
South Pole on December 14, 1911, is  
on his way to this country for a six  
months' lecture tour. He sailed from  
Southampton New Year's Day, on the  
American liner St. Paul, and is due to  
arrive in New York on next Wednes-  
day.

Captain Amundsen will speak at  
Carnegie Hall on the evening of Janu-  
ary 14, under the joint auspices of  
the American Geographical Society,  
the American Museum of Natural History  
and the Norwegian National  
League. A gold medal will be pre-  
sented to the explorer by the Ameri-  
can Geographical Society.  
"When my American tour is finished,"  
said Captain Amundsen, before leav-  
ing England, "I return again to the  
business of my life. We start from  
San Francisco in June, 1913, and hope  
to get into the ice at the Bering  
Straits in September. Then we shall  
drift perhaps for four, perhaps five  
years."

"I do not propose to take an aero-  
plane with me," added the explorer,  
"and though I have been offered the  
gift of a wireless installation for the  
trip, I have declined that also. It  
is very much better to be without news  
when you cannot be where the news  
comes from."

Asked to what he chiefly attributed  
his success in the Antarctic, he replied:  
"To the men and the equipment—  
they were both perfect. As part of  
the equipment, I would put the dogs  
first. They were splendid."

"What is the main difference be-  
tween Arctic and Antarctic explora-  
tions?" he was asked.

"Ah, they are entirely different," said  
Captain Amundsen. "In the Arctic  
there is only drifting ice, no solid land.  
At the South it is the climb to the high  
plateau that is the chief difficulty. I  
should say without hesitation that  
traveling in the far North is much more  
difficult than in the far South for that  
reason alone."

**Richmond New York Architect Wins.**  
Edward D. Littlefield, of New York  
and Richmond, was one of the architects  
who submitted tentative plans for a three-story  
building to be erected this year in Indiana-  
polis for the Federal Savings and Trust  
Company of that city, and to cost \$1,000,000.  
Mr. Littlefield's sketch was accepted.  
He is the consulting architect of the  
firm of Shepherd & Peale, architects, of  
this city.

**Some Cracking.**  
Munitions, Tenn., January 4.—Fourteen  
rounds of 3.6-inch rounds of wal-  
wide and short barrels, valued at \$2,000,  
were shipped from this place in 1912.

## PROMINENT PLACE FOR VIRGINIANS

Old Dominion Troops Will Be  
Well Up in Line of In-  
augural Parade.

### MANN ENGAGES QUARTERS

Governor and His Staff Will  
Have Headquarters at  
Continental Hotel.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Washington, January 4.—Judging  
from developments here to-day, there  
is reason to believe that the coming  
inauguration of Wilson and Marshall  
will be the biggest for the Virginia  
militia that it ever has had. Governor  
Mann, through E. A. Halsey, a  
member of his staff, has engaged rooms  
at the Continental Hotel, and during  
the time the Governor and his staff  
are in Washington that place will be  
their headquarters.

In speaking of the matter to-day, Mr. Halsey said  
that he believed the selection was a good  
one, inasmuch as the hotel is close  
to the railroad station and the point  
where troops will take position in the  
line of march.

It is also learned that Major-General  
Leonard Wood has assigned the  
Virginia Military Institute cadets to  
a place in the parade immediately fol-  
lowing the Annapolis cadets. First  
will come the regular troops, then the  
West Pointers, these to be followed  
in turn by the midshipmen and the  
Virginia Military Institute men. This  
will give the Virginians an excellent  
place in the line and places them  
ahead of all other State troops or  
school cadets of any kind.

When the long line of march turns  
into Pennsylvania Avenue from the  
point of formation near the Capitol  
there doubtless will be many yells  
and cries for the men of the Virginia  
Military Institute.

In a short time the Military Affairs  
Committees of the House and Senate  
will give hearings on the bill of Con-  
gressman Flood and Senator Dupont  
to reimburse V. M. I. to the amount of  
\$214,723.62 for property and equipment  
destroyed by Federal troops in June,  
1904. Mr. Flood is most enthusiastic  
concerning the matter, and will use  
his best efforts to hurry it up.

It is quite likely that some member  
of the Virginia delegation in Congress  
will introduce a bill during the next  
day or two providing that one of the  
government buildings in Washington,  
possibly the old Smithsonian Institution  
Building, be turned over to their  
use. A similar bill has been introduced  
by Representative Linthicum, of Mary-  
land. He asks that the City Hall be  
allowed to the Maryland men when  
they come to Washington. As there  
probably will be between 3,000 and  
5,000 Virginia troops here, it is of the  
utmost importance that a suitable  
place where their arms can be secured,  
and where they can sleep, be secured.  
If such buildings are allowed, there  
would be no charge, and the troops  
thus save the expense of paying for  
these quarters. There is not the least  
doubt, according to Mr. Halsey, that  
Virginia will send more troops than  
coming inauguration than ever has  
been the case in the State's history.  
P. H. McG.

**New Industry Induced.**  
Mail package insurance is expected to get  
a tremendous boost after the patent  
system gets under way. At present only  
three companies are engaged in this line—  
two in this country and in Great Britain.  
From the agency standpoint the business is  
most profitable after once established.  
The companies sell, through agents, bonds of  
insurance, which are of various denomina-  
tions and one or more insuring up to the  
value of the package are sent with it.  
Signatures are then filed out showing the con-  
tract insures the delivery of the package,  
covering against loss by theft and loss by  
fire the time it is deposited in the post-  
office until it reaches its destination.

**SHIELDS FOR SENATE.**  
His Candidacy Will Be Championed by  
Former Governor Cox  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Bristol, Va., January 4.—Former Governor

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\$82.00 Grey Fox Set, pillow muff and scarf	\$65.00
\$70.00 French Seal Set, large pillow muff and cape	\$56.00
\$83.00 Genuine Moleskin Set, pillow muff and cape	\$65.40
\$150.00 Hudson Seal Coat, full length	\$120.00
\$137.00 Electric Seal Coat, full length	\$110.00
\$125.00 Hudson Seal Coat, full length	\$110.00
\$85.00 Near Seal Coat, full length	\$68.00
\$75.00 Pony Coat, ¾ length	\$60.00
\$50.00 Pony Coat, ¾ length	\$40.00
\$45.00 Astrakhan Coat, ¾ length	\$36.00



## RIDING OUT GALE IN SKYSCRAPER

New York's Big Buildings  
Creak Like Ships  
at Sea.

### THEY SWAY PERCEPTIBLY

Occupants of Singer Offices Tell  
What It Feels Like in  
Ninety-Mile Blow.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
New York, January 4.—How it feels  
to ride out a blow on the wings of a  
90-mile gale in the tops of New York  
City's super-skyscrapers was a story  
which was being variously told to-day,  
according to whether the sky dwellers  
were good or poor aviators.

Some of the tenants in the Singer  
Building said that the motion of the  
big frame was sufficient to shake bits  
of plaster off the ceilings.

Major A. J. Bleeker, superintendent  
of the Singer Building, denied a re-  
port that the vibration had been suf-  
ficient to produce a crack at the thir-  
teenth floor, near the foot of the tow-  
er.

The thirty-second floor is the one  
furthest heavenward that is rented  
out in the Singer tower, the floors  
above being used for the company's  
offices, and it was the dwellers in that  
floor who noticed the wind's effect  
most.

"The movement was very percepti-  
ble," said L. E. Varney, of the law firm  
of Emory, Booth, Janney & Varney,  
"and just to see how much it amounted  
to, I took a sight along a line from my  
office window to a big sign on the side  
of a low building close to the Hudson.  
The motion back and forth must have  
been two or three inches."

J. W. Thompson, of the same office,  
told of making this experiment also,  
and added:

"The way the door and window  
frames creaked made you think of the  
way a ship creaks in a blow."

"Our two stenographers complained  
of being dizzy," said I. M. O'Brien, of  
the same floor, "and I noticed a bit of  
it myself. We tied a plumb-line to the  
lamp here, and it swung back and forth  
at least three inches."

**Charleston Waked Up.**  
Charleston, S. C., January 4.—During  
1912 nearly \$1,000,000 has been spent  
on the improvement of terminal prop-  
erty along the Cooper River at  
Charleston, including \$550,000 for the  
Clyde Line terminals, \$500,000 for the  
Oakland Cotton Company's Terminal Com-  
pany's warehouse and team yard.

**Farmville Tobacco Market.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Farmville, Va., January 4.—After ten  
days' closing for the Christmas holi-  
days, the Farmville tobacco market re-  
opened Thursday. The offerings have been  
very small for the want of a  
season. Prices are somewhat higher  
for the same grades as were sold before  
Christmas, and as soon as the farmer  
is able to handle his crop the average  
sales are expected on this market.

**BETTER RAILROAD FACILITIES.**  
Galax Gets Promise from N. & W. of An-  
other Daily Train.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Galax, Va., January 4.—Following the visit  
of a committee of Galax citizens to Roanoke  
to consult officials of the Norfolk and West-  
ern Railway, it has practically been decided  
that another train will be on this line from  
Pulaski to Galax. The committee went to  
Roanoke on a special train on Wednesday  
and had satisfactory conferences with the  
officials on that day and on Thursday, being  
arrested on its return that night by a great  
throng of citizens and the Galax brass band.  
At present there is only one train each  
day, which leaves Pulaski at about 8 o'clock  
in the morning and arrives here at 10:45.  
The new train, which will be put on prob-  
ably about January 15, will leave Pulaski at  
about 10:30 in the evening, arrive here about 11  
o'clock, and leave on the return trip at 8  
o'clock the following morning.

The members of the committee were as  
follows: W. H. Bolling, W. K. Early, S. F.  
Landreth, J. H. Rhoads, S. E. Wilkins, S.  
F. Voss, A. C. Painter, Samuel Schuler, A.  
W. Wells and Mayor D. A. Robinson.

**Will Study for Ministry.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Amherst, Va., January 4.—Earl  
Richeson, son of T. V. Richeson, left  
this week for Blackstone, where he  
will enter the Baptist Training School  
preparatory to becoming a Baptist  
minister.

## CASTRO BELIEVES HE IS FIT PERSON

Sees No Reason Why He Should  
Be Barred From This  
Country.

### (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

New York, January 4.—General Cipri-  
ano Castro did not sail for Hamburg  
on the Amerika this morning because  
of the writ of habeas corpus obtained  
the day before by George Gordon Battle  
in his behalf. He industriously  
helped his lawyers in preparing his  
case for the hearing, which is to be  
held next Friday. Incidentally, he exe-  
cuted several voluminous affidavits, in  
which he declares he is a fit person to  
visit the United States, and it is be-  
lieved that Mr. Battle may use these  
affidavits Monday or Tuesday in an at-  
tempt to get the general off Ellis Is-  
land under bond, pending the final de-  
cision in his case. As pleasant as  
his quarters are, the general would  
much prefer to occupy that suite at  
the Plaza he engaged by wireless on  
New Year's Eve.

In his affidavits to-day, the general  
took up about every provision of the  
law affecting the landing of aliens,  
and declared he did not come under  
the provisions which would bar him.  
He asserted among other things that  
he had come as a tourist.

"There has been no decision of de-  
portation in the general's case," said  
Mr. Battle, "and I assume that this  
will be reached now by a board of special  
inquiry."

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Gray Hair**

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Gray Hair and Stimulated Its  
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of Kansas City, Mo., who darkened her  
gray hair by a simple home process made  
the following statement: "Any lady or  
gentleman can darken their gray or faded  
hair, stimulate its growth and make it  
soft and glossy with this simple recipe,  
which they can mix at home. To half  
pint of water add 1 oz. of bay rum, 1 small  
box of Barbo Compound and ¼ oz. of  
glycerine. These ingredients can be pur-  
chased at any drug store at very little  
cost. Apply to the hair twice a week  
until the gray hair is darkened sufficiently,  
then every two weeks. This mixture re-  
lieves any scalp troubles, and is excellent  
for dandruff and falling hair. It does not  
stain the scalp, is not sticky or greasy,  
and does not rub off. It will make a gray  
haired person look 10 to 20 years younger."

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